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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1998.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/699,718
Filing Date	06/22/2000
First Named Inventor	Celil
Group Art Unit	1765
Examiner Name	Brown, Charlotte
Attorney Docket Number	TI-29276

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and procedural Amendments Between Docket 05 End Date 1/08/00 (Rev. 05/2000) 4/03 P. 18 (Rev. 05/2000) which published RCE provisions.

1 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2 Miscellaneous

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- b ☐ Other _____

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- a ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to
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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
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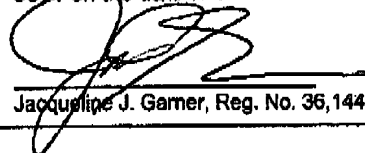
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Amendment

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 10/17/2002. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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